



# *Certificate of Need Program*

## *Task Force*



### **Briefing to the Maryland Health Care Commission**

**Stephen J. Salamon**  
**Chairman**

**March 22, 2005**



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## Goal

- **To enhance the credibility and integrity of the Certificate of Need program in a dynamic and evolving health care system, by conducting a stakeholder driven review, using a combination of a broadly representative Task Force and public comment process, to gain insight and make recommendations to enhance and improve the program.**

## Objectives

- **Review and recommend modifications in the scope of services and facilities regulated under the Certificate of Need program.**
- **Review and recommend enhancements in the Certificate of Need application review process.**
- **Review and recommend enhancements in the monitoring of Certificate of Need projects under development.**



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## Task Force Appointment and Composition

- **Chairman and Members Appointed by Chairman Stephen J. Salamon**
- **Commissioner Robert E. Nicolay Appointed Task Force Chairman**
- **Task Force Members**
  - 2-3 Commissioners**
  - 10-20 stakeholders****Request Nominations from Stakeholder Organizations**

*Timetable – April 2005*



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## Public Forum

- **Task Force Convenes Public Forum to Solicit Recommendations on CON Program**
  - **Publicize Date and Purpose of the Public Forum**
- **Key Stakeholder Organizations Invited to Present Oral and/or Written Comments to Task Force**
- **Provide Opportunity for Individuals/Facility Representatives to Provide Comment**

*Timetable – May-June 2005*



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## Report Development Process

- **Task Force Reviews and Discusses Public Forum Presentations and Written Comments**
- **Task Force Develops Report Summarizing Findings and Recommendations for Presentation to the Full Commission**
- **All Task Force Meetings Announced and Open to the Public**

*Timetable – July-August 2005*



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## Report Review And Implementation Process

- **Commission Reviews Task Force Report and Circulates Recommendations for Public Comment**  
*Timetable – September 2005*
- **Task Force Evaluates Public Comments Received and Agrees on Modifications to the Final Recommendations for Presentation to the Commission**  
*Timetable - October 2005*
- **Commission Final Action on Task Force Recommendations**  
*Timetable - November 2005*
- **Commission Develops and Approves Implementation Plan with Recommendations Regarding Modifications to Administrative, Regulatory, and Statutory Provisions**  
*Timetable - December 2005*



## Summary of Major Activities and Timetable

ACTIVITY	TENTATIVE TIMETABLE
<b>Appoint Task Force Members</b>	April 2005
<b>Task Force Public Forum to Obtain Comment on the CON Program</b>	May–June 2005
<b>Report Development Process</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Task Force Meetings to Review, Summarize and Agree on Final Recommendations</li></ul>	July–August 2005
<b>Report Review and Implementation Process</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Task Force Submits Recommendations to Commission</li><li>○ Obtain Public and Task Force Comment on Recommendations</li><li>○ Final Commission Action on Task Force Recommendations</li><li>○ Commission Review and Action on Implementation Plan with Recommendations Regarding Modifications to Administrative, Regulatory, and Statutory Provisions</li></ul>	September 2005  October 2005  November 2005  December 2005